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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are currently pending in the application. By this Amendment, Figure 4 and claims 1 and 9 are amended, and claims 11-14 are added for the Examiner's consideration. No new matter is added. Prompt examination and allowance in due course is respectfully requested.

Drawings

By this Amendment, Applicants submit a revised Figure 4 attached hereto which has been amended to include reference label 420.

Claims

By this Amendment, Claims 1 and 9 have been amended for informalities and to set forth features which distinguish over the cited references as discussed with the Examiner in a telephone conference on April 15, 2004 including features of the first SNA request message. Claims 1 and 9 should now be in allowable condition.

New claims 11 and 12 depend from independent claim 1, and new claims 13 and 14 depend from independent claim 9. The new claims set forth further distinguishing features and should be in allowable condition.

Entry and examination of the added claims is now requested. All pending claims should now be in allowable condition.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that all of the claims are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed. Applicants hereby make a written conditional petition for extension of time, if required. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randall H. Cherry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Randall" being the most prominent.

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